

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115–23
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At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12__ . ASSESSMENT ON UNITED STATES DEFENSE IM-**
2 **PLICATIONS OF CHINA’S EXPANDING GLOBAL**
3 **ACCESS.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The People’s Republic of China is actively
6 engaged in cultivating influence in the Indo-Asia-Pa-
7 cific region and globally to gain influence and access
8 overseas.

9 (2) According to a U.S.-China Economic and
10 Security Review Commission Report in March 2016,
11 China is using “economic engagement and economic
12 coercion to attempt to shape the behavior of U.S. al-
13 lies and partners Beijing considers instrumental to
14 supporting U.S. presence and force projection capa-
15 bility within the U.S. Pacific Command’s area of re-
16 sponsibility”.

17 (3) According to the Secretary of Defense’s An-
18 nual Report to Congress on Military and Security
19 Developments involving the People’s Republic of

1 China, “China is expanding its access to foreign
2 ports to pre-position the necessary logistics support
3 to regularize and sustain deployments in the ‘far
4 seas’, waters as distant as the Indian Ocean, Medi-
5 terranean Sea, and Atlantic Ocean.”.

6 (4) In February 2016, China began construc-
7 tion of a military base in Djibouti near a United
8 States military base. In October 2015, a Chinese
9 company linked to the People’s Liberation Army ac-
10 quired a 99-year lease of the Australian port of Dar-
11 win that is used by Australian defense forces and
12 also supports the United States Marine Corps as a
13 rotational training base.

14 (5) Since China launched its “one belt, one
15 road” initiative in 2013, it has continued to invest
16 billions of dollars of infrastructure investment in
17 countries across Asia, Africa, Latin America, and
18 Europe.

19 (b) ASSESSMENT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
21 coordination with the Secretary of State, shall de-
22 velop a plan for the United States that assesses the
23 military and non-military expansion efforts of the
24 People’s Republic of China which could have re-

1 regional and global United States security and force
2 posture implications.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by
4 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

5 (A) China's use of military and non-mili-
6 tary power in the region and globally, to include
7 tourism, media, influence campaigns, invest-
8 ment projects, infrastructure, ports, and mili-
9 tary bases that could impact United States
10 military operational access.

11 (B) The implications of China's expansion
12 of its access to foreign ports and military bases
13 to preposition the necessary logistics in distant
14 waters and the implications for United States
15 military power.

16 (C) The Department of Defense position
17 on these developments and the United States
18 strategy and policy in response to these activi-
19 ties.

20 (D) The Department of Defense capabili-
21 ties and resources required to achieve such
22 strategy and policy, and the mitigation plan to
23 address any gaps in capabilities or resources.

24 (E) Measures to bolster alliances and part-
25 nerships to support the United States military

1 presence in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region, includ-
2 ing the retention of base access and replenish-
3 ment support for operations in the region.

4 (F) Any other matters the Secretary of
5 Defense or the Secretary of State determines to
6 be appropriate.

7 (3) REPORT REQUIRED.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120
9 days after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination
11 with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the
12 congressional defense committees, the Com-
13 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and
14 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
15 of Representatives a report on the assessment
16 required under subsection (b).

17 (B) FORM.—The report required by this
18 paragraph may be submitted unclassified or
19 classified form.

